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Fourth Sunday Easter, Year B **21 April 2024**
Good Shepherd Sunday
World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

This Sunday is traditionally known as Good Shepherd Sunday. Two major themes emerge from the readings: an image of the one who saves; and the power of salvation itself. The one who saves is not a mighty warrior who comes in military array. In fact, he is the one who was rejected, who was hunted down, humiliated, tortured and hung naked on a tree, there to die in shame. The one who saves is the cornerstone of the building, holding it together, forming a firm foundation so that the structure will not collapse. The one who saves is a lowly shepherd, entrusted with sheep, not with the affairs of state. The one who saves is an unlikely saviour. This characterisation should give us pause. Is it possible that we have been looking for a saviour in the wrong places?

God's saving power flows from steadfast covenant love. It broke open the world in the death and resurrection of Jesus and it overflows as healing grace. The saving power in the name of Jesus, a name that itself means 'saviour' (cf. Matt 1:21), is for all people, even for those sheep who do not yet belong to this fold. Furthermore, it is for all time; God's mercy endures forever. Through our baptism we can bring the saving grace of God to a world in desperate need of healing. We can do this in our families, in our local communities, in the workplace, in so many situations of our lives.

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

This Sunday is the Annual "World Day of Prayer for Vocations". "Vocation" means "calling", beginning with our baptismal calling to a life of loving service, lived out in single life or through public commitments of Marriage, Consecrated Life or Ordained Ministry (Priests and Deacons). On this day we especially pray for more young people to be open to the vocations of Ordained Ministry and Consecrated Life. In the words of Pope Francis in his Message for this day: "More than anyone else, Jesus respects our freedom. He does not impose, but proposes. Make room for him and you will find the way to happiness by following him" (read full message at dow.sh/gss24.)

SERVICE TIMES			
Holy Family	Mass	Wed - Fri	9am
		Tue	7pm
		Sat	5pm Vigil
		Sun	9am and 5pm
	Adoration	Tues	7.30pm
Benediction	First Friday	9.30am	
	of each month		
Reconciliation	Tue	6.30pm - 7pm	
	Sat	9am - 10am	
Holy Trinity	Rosary	Mon	7pm
	Mass	Wed	6pm
		Sun	8am

For young Catholics discerning their vocation there are many opportunities available, including connecting with young adult groups and events, gathering with Seminarians or Religious, or personal chats with the Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr Duane Fernandez. To find out more go to vocations.dow.org.au or email vocations@dow.org.au.

Let us pray for all who are discerning their vocation, and especially for our Diocesan Seminarians, Sinh, Joseph, Darren, Seth, Anthony and Quy.



What's On In Our Diocese

CatholicCare's Ageing with Confidence forum is returning to Campbelltown. The half-day information session will provide seniors with practical information on the aged care system and healthy ageing. Expert presentations from CatholicCare staff will be joined by presenters from the Seniors Rights Services NSW and the NSW Fire & Rescue Service to discuss topics such as accessing support services, keeping your mind and body fit, and advocating and supporting older people.

DATE: Wednesday 8 May

TIME: 9.30am to 1pm

VENUE: Campbelltown Catholic Club (20/22 Camden Road, Campbelltown).

Places are limited. To register, call 02 4227 1122 or visit www.catholiccare.dow.org.au/events.

Catechist Training Course Level 2

The Level 2 Course is a chance for all SRE Teachers and Helpers to take their knowledge of teaching and the Catholic Faith deeper. It focuses on a variety of topics to help you grow as a Catechist and Catholic.

Mondays – Wollongong – Xavier Centre (36 Harbour St, Wollongong)

Fridays – Campbelltown – Campbelltown Catholic Club (20/22 Camden Road, Campbelltown)

Time: 9:30 am - 2:30 pm

Dates: Week 1 - Mon 29 April / Fri 3 May Week 2 - Mon 6 May / Fri 10 May
Week 3 - Mon 13 May / Fri 17 May Week 4 - Mon 20 May / Fri 24 May
Week 5 - Mon 27 May / Fri 31 May Week 6 - Mon 3 June / Fri 7 June

Please register your attendance at either the Level 2 Course in Wollongong or Campbelltown by clicking the link below, noting that you can attend either course and that if you miss one day, you can attend the other course so as to not miss any topics.

Enquiries: Sue Clark 4222 2416 email support@ccdwoollongong.com or **REGISTER** <https://web.thankqportal.com/cdowa/ccd-level-2-course-2024/#/stepper?pagelid=13217>

What's On In Our Parish

- 20 April Church Cleaning - Team "B"
Aboriginal Mass - 10am, Holy Trinity Church, Minto
- 25 April ANZAC Day - 9am Mass
- 29 April Sacrament of First Holy Communion, Preparation Session 1 - 6.30pm
- 4 May Church Cleaning - Team "A"
- 6 May Sacrament of First Holy Communion, Preparation Session 2 - 6.30pm
- 13 May Sacrament of First Holy Communion, Preparation Session 3 - 6.30pm
- 18 May Church Cleaning - Team "B"
Aboriginal Mass - 10am, Holy Trinity Church, Minto
- 20 May Sacrament of First Holy Communion, Preparation Session 4 - 6.30pm
- 22 May Sorry Day Service - 10.30am, Holy Trinity Church, Minto
- 27 May Sacrament of First Holy Communion, Preparation Session 5 (Rehearsal) 6.30pm
- 2 June Sacrament of First Holy Communion

Liturgical Dates

- 25 April ANZAC Day
- 26 April Saint Mark, *Evangelist*
- 29 April Saint Catherine of Siena, *Virgin and Doctor of the Church*
- 30 April Saint Pius V, *Pope*



We pray ... For peace in the world and especially for people suffering because of war, violence, exploitation, abuse or natural disasters. For all the forgotten Souls and Holy Souls in Purgatory.

For the sick and homebound: Joelle Cadoue, Rose Davis, Margaret Rose Mellish, Celine Dion, Trevor Clancy, Peter Anthony Jacobs Snr, Erwin Andrade, Gina Macalalad, Marie Crotty, Sybra Hunt, David Harrison, Ann Marie Praud; Our sick relatives, friends and parishioners and all who have nobody to pray for them.
May the saving power of the risen Lord bring healing, comfort and peace to their bodies and send strength to their carers. Amen.

For our recently dearly departed: Lydia Torre, Irene Ward, Luz U. Lopez, Clariza Sanchez, John Ward, Mary Vaz, Vincenzo Barletta, Patrick McNamara, Dominic Merlino, Yvonne Bell, Filippo Carmelo D'Antone, Draga Milicevic, Elian Pascal, Noal Bornstein, Dewi Suyati, Ron Perry, Ferdie Melder, Richard Gallaty, Paul Collins; Margaret Mary Clifford, Victor Jack Parkins, Lionel Dunkley, Mary Brown, Yolande Herisson, Patiariki Joseph, Val Morris, Margaret McNamara, Eugenia Villarosa, Kevin Sequeira.

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.*

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Eladio Villarosa, Eugenia Villarosa, Noel Del Rosario, Josefina Rejoero, Andres Rejoero, Deborah Wolf, Manuelpillai Pushpam, Julian Samuel Epondulan, Dawn O'Donohue, Jolanta Swierk, Mary King, Joaquim Lopes, Tony Heginbotham, Angelo Rosario, Francoise Sidonie; For all children who have passed away; Members of the Hay family.

Having returned to the Father, may they rest in peace. Amen.

Prayers of thanksgiving and personal intentions:

Prayers are entered after the Mass is celebrated and will remain in the bulletin for 1 month.

FRIDAY WITH THE WORD OF GOD

Please join us in the Parish Meeting Room every Friday evening from 7pm (for approximately 1 hour). The focus is on the coming Sunday readings. Text will be provided or you are welcome to bring your own bible.



Visiting the Sick and Homebound. If you, or someone you know is unwell and would like a home visit please contact the Parish Office to organise for Communion or Anointing.



A new **RCIA** program will be commencing in August. If you, or anybody you know, is interested in being baptised or becoming a member of the Catholic Church, please speak with Father Henry, or contact the Parish Office.

The **Piety Stall** is open after Mass. There is a range of bibles & prayer books, Rosary beads & other religious items. All profits go to the work of the St Vincent de Paul Society.

Sacrament of First Holy Communion

Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty." (John 6:35)

Session 1 - Monday, 29 April at 6.30pm in the Parish Meeting Room.
Session 2 - Monday, 6 May at 6.30pm in the Parish Meeting Room.
Session 3 - Monday, 13 May at 6.30pm in the Parish Meeting Room.
Session 4 - Monday, 20 May at 6.30pm in the Parish Meeting Room.
Session 5 - Monday, 27 May at 6.30pm in the Church.
The Sacrament of First Holy Communion - Sunday, 2 June 2024.



Reminder:

- * Children must be accompanied by a parent/carer at all sessions. Please be on time for each session.
- * Attendance at all sessions is compulsory. If you are unable to attend a session, please contact the parish office.

Parish Planned Giving

You can continue to contribute financially to the Parish via the two collections at the weekend Masses, but if you prefer, the Holy Family Parish bank account details are:

First collection

Account name: Ingleburn Presbytery
BSB: 066711
Account number: 001978

Second collection

Account name: Ingleburn Parish
BSB: 066711
Account number: 001773

To contribute via planned giving envelopes, please contact the Parish Office.

Thank you for supporting your parish.

A gift to the Church in your will ... will help!

For information about leaving a gift in your will, please contact Father Henry, or visit dow.sh/legacy, or call the diocesan representative on **4222 2446**.